GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROSECUTION FOR HOARDING
Dhanaraju Dr. K.

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons detained in each State during each of the last three years and till date for prevention of unethical trade practices like hoarding and black marketing under the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, year-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by the Union Government for the effective implementation of the said law?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Year-wise detention orders made by the State Governments under the Prevention of Black marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, during the last three years and upto 23.02.2007 are as under:-

Name of State	2004	2005	2006	2007 (upto 23.02.2007)
Gujarat	63	101	85	9
Assam	11	-	-	-
Tamil Nadu	1	7	74	2
Orissa	-	2	1	-
Maharashtra	-	1	1	-
Total	75	111	161	11

The State Governments and Union Territories Administrations have been advised from time to time to take effective action to ensure early availability of essential commodities to the common people.